(a) whether the National Minority Commission and the National Minority Financial Development Corporation work in tandem with the State Minority Commissions and the State Minority Financial Development Corporations;

(b) if so, the details of the inter-relationship;

(c) whether every State has Minority Commissions/Minority Financial Development Corporations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) National Commission for Minorities (NCM) and State Minorities Commissions function independently. There is no functional relationship between National Commission for Minorities and National Minorities Development and Finance Corportation (NMDFC) also. The NMDFC is implemeting its scheme through State Minority Financial Development Corporations nominated as State Channelising Agencies by respective State Governments.

(b) The NMDFC grants loans to State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) for providing loans to beneficiaries. The SCAs are required to identify and formulate technically feasible and financially viable projects or schemes and sent them to the NMDFC for approval.The NMDFC provides loans to the SCAs against guarantee extended by respective State Governments.

(c) and (d) State Minority Commissions have been constituted in the following States: Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Ghhatisgarh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal and West Bengal.

Following States have constituted State Minorities Development and Finance Corporations: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujrat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu.Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Projects for backward and weaker sections

615. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects running in Assam for the welfare of the people belonging to the backward and weaker sections of the society;

(b) the number of the projects undertaken in the State during the last three years and the details of the amount spent thereon; and

(c) the details of the achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) The number of NGO projects being funded by this Ministry in Assam for the welfare of members of the Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes of society is 18. (11 and 7 respectively).

(b) and (c) A statement is attached.

Statement

The number of NGO projects supported by the Ministry in Assam, the amount sanctioned and the number of beneficiaries during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	2000-01		
		No. of Projects	Amount released	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for the Welfare of OBCs	1	1.32	40
2.	Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs	—	—	—
3.	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the SCs	3	3.75	250

S. No	Name of the Scheme	2001-02		
		No. of Projects	Amount released	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for the Welfare of OBCs	2	2.60	100
2.	Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs	1	1.50	80
3.	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the SCs	1	0.89	100

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	2002-03		
		No. of Projects	Amount released	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for the Welfare of OBCs	" *	"	
2.	Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs	—	—	—
3.	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the SCs	1	1.18	40

Unemployment allowances for the disabled

616. DR. DASARl NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment allowance for the disabled is one of .the provisions of the persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995;